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1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS ARRIVAL IN ICELAND OF ALAN
THORNTON AND REMI PARAMENTER, REPRESENTATIVES OF GREEN
PEACE, ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO STOPPING COMMERCIAL
WHALING. ANNOUNCED OBJECTIVE IS TO HAVE ICELAND STOP
WHALING FOR 10 YEARS AND TAKE LEAD IN FIGHT FOR WORLD-
WIDE 10 YEAR MORATORIUM. IF ICELAND DOES NOT COMPLY,
THEY WILL BRING SHIP, RAINBOW WARRIOR, TO ICELANDIC
WATERS AND ATTEMPT TO PREVENT TAKING ON WHALES. SHIP
NOW DUE TO SAIL FROM ENGLAND MAY 11, WOULD BE OFF
ICELAND BY JUNE 5, ACCORDING TO PRESS. ALTHOUGH REPORTS
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NOT SPECIFIC, ARTICLES IMPLY THORNTON AND PARAMENTER
WILL STAY IN ICELAND UNTIL MATTER RESOLVED.

2. WE HAVE NO REA ON TO BELIEVE GREEN PEACE REPRESENTATIVES
AWARE THAT DRGM ARON AND MS. BARNES PLAN TO
VISIT ICELAND, AND EMBASSY WILL MAKE NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCE-
MENT. HOWEVERGN WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE

SHOULD THEY LEARN OF VISIT AND CALL ON EMBASSY FOR
ASSISTANCE.;

3. ICELANDIC POSITION ON MORATORIUM AS OUTLINED
REFTEL (C) REMAINS UNCHANGED. ACCORDINGLY, WE EXPECT
GREEN PEACE REPRESENTATIVES WILL RECEIVE COURTEOUS BUT
UNSYMPATHETIC HEARING FROM ICELANDIC AUTHORITIES.
CONFRONTATION BETWEEN ICELAND'S FLEET OF NOUR WHALERS
AND RAINBOW WARRIOR APPEARS QUITE LIKELY.
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